

Medigap meetings set in Louisville area

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Louisville area residents will be able to ask questions about Medicare supplement insurance and get a free copy of the *Consumer Guide to Medicare Supplement Insurance* during five information sessions scheduled in November.

Sessions to inform Medigap consumers about their options will be held:

- Thursday, Nov. 1, 1 to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., South Wing, Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, located at the junction of I-65 and I-264 in Louisville.
- Friday, Nov. 2, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., South Wing, Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.
- Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Paroquet Springs Conference Center, 375 Paroquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville.

Parking at the Louisville fairgrounds will be free both days.

The information sessions are being sponsored by Kentucky Medicare Partners, including the state Department of Insurance, and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration/HCFA). The sessions were scheduled following Humana's announcement that it will exit the Medicare+Choice market in the Louisville area on Jan. 1, 2002. About 14,000 Humana Gold Plus members in five counties -- Bullitt, Jefferson and Oldham in Kentucky and Clark and Floyd in Indiana -- will be affected.

Anyone who can't attend the sessions can get a Medicare packet of information, including a copy of the *Consumer Guide to Medicare Supplement Insurance*, by calling the Department of Insurance, **1-800-595-6053** (voice mail Option 1). People who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and have a TTY (text telephone) can call 1-800-462-2081. The guide details the rates charged for Medicare supplement benefits and allows consumers to compare and shop. The guide can be accessed by looking under Free Publications at the department's Web site: <http://insurance.ky.gov>.